



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

Town Council

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*Mayor Harry A. Watson, Councilors Peter J. Bartinik, Jr., Heather Sherman Bond, Catherine Kolnaski,
Frank O'Beirne, Jr., John F. Scott, Paulann H. Sheets, James L. Streeter, and Elissa T. Wright.*

Tuesday, April 04, 2006

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

IV. CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

This is the portion of the Council Agenda where the Council welcomes comments from citizens. Each presentation should be limited to ten minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit written comments. Presentations should be related to matters pertinent to Groton. Town Councilors will only ask questions in order to clarify the speaker's presentation and can respond during the Responses to Citizens' Petitions portion of the Town Council meeting. Citizens should make their presentations from the lectern and state their names and addresses for the record.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under Item VI (Consent Calendar) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion of these items will take place, unless cause is shown prior to the time Council votes on the motion to adopt.

a. Approval of Minutes

2006-0112 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting of March 21, 2006 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2006-0078	Eastern Federal Bank Foundation Grant - Tercentennial Legacy Playground	Referral
2006-0101	Local Prevention Council Program Grant	Referral
2006-0103	Historic Document Preservation Grant	Referral
2006-0077	Emergency Traffic Pre-emption Equipment	Referral
2005-0310	Sandy Hollow Road Curbing	Referral
2006-0042	Sandy Hollow Road Improvements for Proposed Subdivision	Referral
2006-0072	Appointment of Special Attorneys	Referral

c. Special Trust Fund Contributions

2006-0108 Special Trust Fund Contributions**Resolution - Consent****RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

Steven Mitchell - \$200.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Mystic Lions Club - \$210.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Jean Simpson - \$60.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Submarine Officer's Spouse Association - \$180.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Mohegan Sun - \$2,500.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
People's Bank - \$300.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Pfizer United Way Campaign - \$221.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Lois H. Constantine - \$50.00 - Library Discretionary
Pfizer United Way Campaign - \$71.26 - Library Discretionary
Foxwoods Resort Casino - \$1,000.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
McLaughlin Companies, LLC - \$300.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

- a. Town Councilors**
- b. Representative Town Meeting**
- c. Clerk of the Council**
- d. Town Manager**
- e. Town Attorney**

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman Scott**
- b. Economic Development - Chairman Bond**
- c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Kolnaski**
- d. Environment & Recreation - Chairman Sheets**
- e. Finance - Chairman Wright**
- f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman O'Beirne**
- g. Public Safety - Chairman Streeter**
- h. Public Works - Chairman Bartinik**
- i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Watson**

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**2005-0314 Regulations for Parks and Recreation Facilities/Senior Center Rules****Referral****RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISED REGULATIONS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES AND THE SENIOR CENTER**

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission under Section 5.10.2 of the Groton Town Charter is authorized to make rules and regulations subject to the approval of the Town Council, and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission has revised the Rules and Regulations for Parks

and Recreation Facilities including the Groton Senior Center, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council approves the revised Rules and Regulations dated December 7, 2005 as submitted by the Groton Parks and Recreation Commission, said Rules and Regulations to be effective immediately.

Legislative History

12/14/2005	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Environment & Re
3/14/2006	Town Council Environment & Recreation Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	
3/21/2006	Town Council	Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken	
3/21/2006	Town Council	Postponed to a Certain Time	Town Council

Councilor Scott stated that his packet did not include the Senior Center Rules for review.

X. NEW BUSINESS

2006-0078 Eastern Federal Bank Foundation Grant - Tercentennial Legacy Playground Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EASTERN FEDERAL BANK FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE TERCENTENNIAL LEGACY PLAYGROUND

WHEREAS, the Town Council has authorized the solicitation and receipt of donations for the Tercentennial Legacy Playground, and

WHEREAS, the Tercentennial Legacy Playground Committee and the Groton Parks Foundation seek permission to apply for a grant from the Eastern Federal Bank Foundation, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may apply for a grant of \$5,000 from the Eastern Federal Bank Foundation to go toward the funding of the Tercentennial Legacy Playground.

Legislative History

3/13/2006	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Finance Committee
3/28/2006	Town Council Finance Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	

2006-0101 Local Prevention Council Program Grant Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY FOR LOCAL PREVENTION COUNCIL FUNDING VIA THE CITIZENS' TASK FORCE ON ADDICTIONS IN NEW LONDON COUNTY, INC.

WHEREAS, funding is available via the Local Prevention Council/Citizens' Task Force on Addictions in New London County to foster initiatives that prevent the onset of alcohol, drug and tobacco use among children and youth and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services provides preventive programs for children and youth in the local public schools and the community at large, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Manager is authorized to apply to the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services via the Citizens' Task Force on Addictions in New London County, Inc., for such Local Prevention Council Program funds as may be available to the Town of Groton for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

Legislative History

3/21/2006	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Finance Committee
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2006-0103	3/28/2006 Town Council Finance Committee Historic Document Preservation Grant	Recommended for a Resolution	Referral
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RESOLUTION APPROVING A HISTORIC DOCUMENTS PRESERVATION GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton will benefit by the continuance of the Historic Document Preservation Program which will be enabled and enhanced by grant funding, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Mark R. Oefinger, Town Manager of the Town of Groton, or the Town Clerk as his designee, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name of and on behalf of this municipality, an application and contract with the State Library for an Historic Preservation Grant.

Legislative History

3/21/2006	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Finance Committee
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3/21/2006	Town Council	Referred	Town Council Finance Committee
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This referral was made at the request of the Town Clerk.

2006-0077	3/28/2006 Town Council Finance Committee Emergency Traffic Pre-emption Equipment	Recommended for a Resolution	Referral
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY TRAFFIC PRE-EMPTION EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee has considered the need for emergency vehicle pre-emption Systems (EVPS) at certain intersections, and

WHEREAS, the State will be installing traffic signals at the intersection of Routes 184 and 117, and

WHEREAS, the EVPS will be a Federal Aid Project, requiring cost sharing of \$1,830 by the Town, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Mark R. Oefinger, Town Manager, is authorized to execute an Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Groton for the installation of Emergency Vehicle Pre-emption System equipment at the intersection of Route 184 and Route 117 in the Town of Groton, in accordance with State Project No. 172-333 and Federal Aid Project No. STPA-000R(308).

Legislative History

3/10/2006	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Public Safety Comm
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3/28/2006	Town Council Public Safety Committee	Recommended for a Resolution
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2005-0310	Sandy Hollow Road Curbing	Referral
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INSTALLATION OF CURBING ON SANDY HOLLOW ROAD

WHEREAS, on January 19, 1999, by resolution, the Town Council designated Sandy Hollow Road as a scenic road, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton Department of Public Works has presented plans to install and modify curbing to better control storm water between 28 Sandy Hollow Road and 114 Sandy Hollow Road, as requested by the affected residents, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 200 (Scenic Roads) requires a public hearing before alterations or improvements on designated scenic roads, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Town Council on March 21, 2006, at which no opposition was heard, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Groton Department of Public Works may install and modify curbing on Sandy Hollow Road according to its plan.

Legislative History

12/5/2005 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the W

12/13/2005 Town Council Committee of the Whole Discussed

Mayor Watson noted that Sandy Hollow Road is a scenic road, and any improvements require a public hearing . Town Manager Oefinger noted that curbing will not happen during the winter, so there is time to schedule a public hearing in late January or early February.

12/13/2005 Town Council Committee of the Whole Motion

to recommend a resolution scheduling a public hearing on Sandy Hollow Road curbing

3/28/2006 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2006-0042

Sandy Hollow Road Improvements for Proposed Subdivision

Referral

SANDY HOLLOW ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FOR A PROPOSED SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, on January 19, 1999, by resolution, the Town Council designated Sandy Hollow Road as a scenic road, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council was requested to approve the disturbance of a small portion of stone wall for the installation of utilities for a two-lot subdivision at 511 Sandy Hollow Road, to be followed by careful replacement of the stones, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 200 (Scenic Roads) requires a public hearing before alterations or improvements on designated scenic roads, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Town Council on March 21, 2006, at which no opposition was heard, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the plan, as presented, to install utilities in a way that temporarily disturbs a portion of the stone wall at 511 Sandy Hollow Road.

Legislative History

2/1/2006 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the W

2/14/2006 Town Council Committee of the Whole Discussed

The Town Manager noted that the Committee previously scheduled a public hearing on a project for curbing on Sandy Hollow Road. Town Manager Oefinger suggested that the Council conduct a joint hearing on that issue and this request to allow improvements associated with a proposed subdivision.

2/14/2006 Town Council Committee of the Whole Motion

to recommend a resolution scheduling a public hearing on Sandy Hollow Road Improvements for a Proposed Subdivision, and Sandy Hollow Road Curbing, for March 21st

3/28/2006 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2006-0072

Appointment of Special Attorneys

Referral

RESOLUTION APPOINTING OTHER ATTORNEYS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN

ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the Town Charter, at 5.1, provides that the Town Attorney may, with the approval of the Town Council, appoint attorneys to perform specialized services or otherwise to assist the Town Attorney, and

WHEREAS, it has been advantageous for the Town and for the Board of Education to have attorneys appointed for particular issues and assignments and for cases where the Town Attorney and associates cannot for other reasons (e.g., conflicts) represent the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney is empowered by the Charter to recommend the terms of employment of such attorneys, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the recommendation of Town Attorney Eileen Duggan, the following attorneys may be appointed and continue to serve in the assignments indicated, under terms prescribed by the Town Attorney, until such time as their replacements may be approved by the Town Council:

Board of Education Attorneys (from Berchem, Moses & Devlin, P.C.)

Attorney Marsha Belman Moses

Attorney Michelle C. Laubin

Attorney Rachel L. Krinsky

Attorney Carolyn Mazanec Dugas

Attorney Floyd J. Dugas

Other Attorneys

Lloyd Langhammer - Property Issues

Edward O'Connell - Property and Litigation Issues

Tricia Haught - Environmental Issues

Edmund See - Bond Counsel

Legislative History

3/6/2006	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
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3/28/2006	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed
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Councilor Wright asked that the Town Attorney prepare a letter of recommendation regarding special attorneys.

3/28/2006	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution
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XI. OTHER BUSINESS**XII. ADJOURNMENT**